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Colleagues -

The Office of the Attorney General is at the forefront of several high-profile matters - many of which directly affect the safety and well-being of those who live and/or work in the District of Columbia. The battle to protect the rails which

lay in the heart of our Nation's Capital from being used to carry out a terrorist attack continues (*CSX*), and OAG was successful in its efforts to uphold the constitutionality of the District's gun law, which allows gun makers to be sued by individuals for shootings which take place within city boundaries (*Beretta*). And perhaps most importantly, OAG is diligently working on behalf of hundreds of children to place them in permanent, loving and supportive homes. Although you may not always see the fruits of your labor, rest assured that the efforts of each and every OAG employee is having a profound impact on millions of people every day.

Finally, a personal and very public note of welcome to Eugene A. Adams, who has graciously returned to OAG. Although his time from us was brief, he was sorely missed, and is exuberantly welcomed back to the OAG FAMILY!!

— *Robert J. Spagnoletti*

WELCOME BACK!



Eugene A. Adams returned to the OAG on May 16, 2005 as Chief Deputy Attorney General. In that capacity, he is under the auspices of the Attorney General, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Attorney General, and all the legal matters the office handles for the government.

Although he has lived in the District of Columbia for most of his life, he is, by birth, a Connecticut native. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University (Middletown, Connecticut) and of the University of Connecticut School of Law.

He is married to Gina F. Adams, a lawyer and top lobbyist for FedEx Corporation. They have a daughter, Jenna, and a son, Spenser.

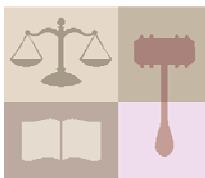
Gene has spent nearly 18 years with OAG, and we wholeheartedly welcome him back!



**National
Crime
Victims'
Rights Week
4/10-4/16
was a
success.
NVS had a
prime spot in
the lobby of
Judiciary
Square
where
several
people
stopped by
to learn how
to guard
themselves
against**



crime



Cases and Legislation

Consumer and Trade Protection

Section Chief Bennett Rushkoff, Senior Assistant Attorney General Don Resnikoff and Assistant Attorney General Anika Cooper settled a near half million dollar antitrust case against CVS Corporation.

The case stems from CVS' purchase and closing in 2002 of a competing pharmacy in the District's Palisades neighborhood.

As part of the settlement agreement, CVS will pay \$350,000 to the Catholic Charities Pharmaceutical Resource

Center, which provides access to prescription medications for chronically low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured.

The remaining \$125,000 dollars paid by CVS to settle the case will go to the District of Columbia Antitrust Fund.



The Civil Litigation Division's Assistant Attorney General Andy Saindon and the Appellate Division's Assistant Attorney General Mary Connolly stayed off Bannum, Inc. Bannum operates a 300-bed halfway house which

serves inmates in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs moved to revoke Bannum's certificate of occupancy, based on a ruling from the Board of Zoning Adjustment (which Bannum has since appealed to the D.C. Court of Appeals).

Bannum filed an Emergency Motion for Stay of the revocation at the D.C. Court of Appeals, and Motions for a Temporary Restraining Order at both the United States District Court and D.C. Superior Court. Thanks to quick written oppositions and oral argument by Mary and Andy, all

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three courts denied the emergency motions.



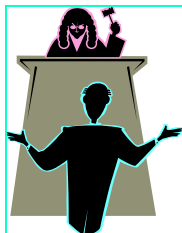
The Child Protection Sections of the Family Services Division (FSD) are making great progress on the backlog of children waiting to be placed in permanent homes. Nearly all (hundreds) of backlogged cases have been addressed by filing Termination of Parental Rights Motions, noting an adoption petition filing or guardianship filing. Alternatively, several Alternative Planned Permanency Arrangements have been made for the city's youngest citizens.



Unlike adult victims of crime, victims of juvenile crimes had no rights — until Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed the Omnibus Juvenile Justice Act (OJJA) into law last year. Now, the Neighborhood and Victim Services Section (NVS) of the Public Safety Division is taking full advantage of the new provision. NVS is now successfully arguing on behalf of the family or loved ones of a victim witness to be able to remain in court while their loved one testifies. The new Bill of Rights in the OJJA now forces the accused to see first hand the effect of their crimes on not only their victims, but those who care for them.



AG Spagnoletti with David Bickhart, Esq. following a presentation to members of the DC Bar on 4/13/05.



Notables

Assistant Attorney General David Hyden has had a brush with fame as of late. His case, In re Peter Robert Phillips, DCCA Case No. 03-CV-699 got lots of media attention. Mr. Phillips, whose name appears as Jesus Christ on his DC driver's license, wants to legally change his name to Jesus Christ. Judge Murphy denied it, saying the name change would likely incite violence or offend, and Mr. Christ appealed. The case has now been remanded back to the lower Court, which ruled Mr. Christ should be afforded process/hearings mandated by statute.

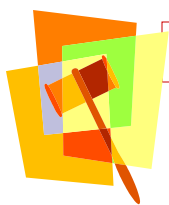
The case was reported both locally and nationally on CNN.com, the Legal Times, The Washington Post, the City Paper, The Chicago Sun Times, the Houston Chronicle (to name a few) and also in the international media — including on websites in Japan, Canada, Switzerland and South Africa!!

speaking petitioners, and 71% of elderly petitioners.

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In the second quarter of FY 2005, the Domestic Violence Section of FSD met its goal of offering representation overall to 75% of petitioners who had meritorious cases referred to OAG. Within that overall group, OAG offered representation to 91% of non-English



SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL

There are some new faces among the crowd here at OAG. The OAG has joined forces with the law office of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP (Fulbright) to inaugurate the Special Assistant Attorneys General program.

Fulbright is lending the time and talents of two associates, Wendy Butler Curtis and Joseph Hartman. The

two were sworn in on May 9, 2005, and will spend 20 hours a week for the next six months in the Civil Litigation Division. Already word of the innovative program is spreading, and OAG hopes other law firms in the District will follow Fulbright's lead and jump on the pro-bono band wagon.

At the end of the six-month rotation, Fulbright will continue to send additional associates, and has committed to supplying a steady stream of volunteers to OAG on a year-round basis. Fulbright will continue to pay the full salaries of all volunteers in the six-month program, with no costs attributed to the District.

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L-R—Wendy Butler Curtis, AG Spagnoletti, Fulbright Partner John Simpson, Joseph Hartman

Around Town



It's not too late to grease the wheels and get in shape for the 2005 Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bike Tour, May 21 & 22nd. Assistant Attorney General Jack Grimaldi is leading Team OAG. To register, go to: <http://www.msandyou.org>. Send Jack Grimaldi an email once you have registered at jack.grimaldi@dc.gov.

Training Dates**

June 2— Under-
standing
FMLA,
DCFMLA &
ADA (CWD)

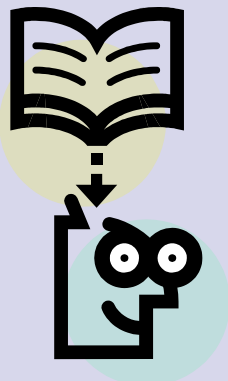
June 6 — Intro to
Personal Com-
puters & Win-
dows XP
(CWD)

June 7-9 — MSS
Project Man-
agement
(CWD)




June 16 — MS
Outlook 2003
(CWD)

June 16-17 —
Writing for
Impact &
Communicat-
ing Results
(CWD)

June 28-29 —
Position Mgmt
for Organiza-
tional Effi-
ciency (CWD)



June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 	29	30		

** The list of classes is not exhaustive. Please consult Paulette Andrews, Training Coordinator at (202 724-7149 for a complete list of classes offered.



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for the District of Columbia (OAG)
handles all suits instituted by or
against the District of Columbia.



New Additions to the OAG family...

And baby makes four! AAG Anika Cooper and Patrick Cooper added a new addition to their family — Micah Wesley Cooper. He was born on April 8th!



AAG Talia Sassoon Cohen has a new bundle of joy — Aviv Benjamin Cohen, born on April 25th!



Grandparents are important too! SAAG Bill Earl has a new granddaughter — Olivia, born on April 28th!

CONGRATULATIONS!